

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for treating and/or improving insulin resistance by reducing insulin resistance, the method comprising administering to a patient having reduced insulin sensitivity a nutritional and/or pharmaceutical product comprising a composition comprising an acetogenic fiber, wherein the acetogenic fibre is lactulose, ~~soybean fibre, soy fibre or a mixture thereof.~~

Claim 2 (canceled):

Claim 3 (currently amended): The method according to ~~claim 1~~claim 1, wherein the amount of acetogenic fibres in the composition is in the range of from 0.2 to 90 % by weight, ~~preferably from 0.5 to 50 % by weight, more preferably 0.7 to 30 % by weight, even more preferably 5 to 25 % by weight, most preferred about 7 % by weight,~~ based on the total weight of the composition.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The method according to claim 1, for increasing insulin sensitivity.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A method for treating and/or improving insulin resistance by reducing insulin resistance which comprises administering to a patient ~~in need of same an~~ effective amount of a composition comprising an acetogenic fibre wherein the acetogenic fibre is lactulose, ~~soybean fibre, soy fibre or a mixture thereof.~~

Claim 6 (currently amended): The method of ~~claim 5~~claim 5, wherein the acetogenic fibres are administered in an amount of from 0.1 to 1.5g per kg body weight, ~~preferably from 0.3 to 0.8g per kg body weight, more preferably 0.5g per kg body weight.~~

Claim 7 (new): The method of claim 3, wherein the amount of acetogenic fibers in the composition is in the range of from 0.5 to 50 % by weight based on the total weight of the composition.

Claim 8 (new): The method of claim 3, wherein the amount of acetogenic fibers in the composition is in the range of from 0.7 to 30 % by weight based on the total weight of the composition.

Claim 9 (new): The method of claim 3, wherein the amount of acetogenic fibers in the composition is in the range of from 5 to 25 % by weight based on the total weight of the composition.

Claim 10 (new): The method of claim 3, wherein the amount of acetogenic fibers in the composition is about 7 % by weight based on the total weight of the composition.

Claim 11 (new): The method of claim 6, wherein the acetogenic fibers are administered in an amount of from 0.3 to 0.8 g per kg body weight.

Claim 12 (new): The method of claim 6, wherein the acetogenic fibers are administered in an amount of about 0.5 g per kg body weight.